

Sunday 14th January 2018 – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME TO THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ST NICHOLAS GODSTONE,
ST STEPHEN SOUTH GODSTONE AND ST JOHN BLINDLEY HEATH



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*A warm welcome to all who are with us today, especially to those joining us for the first time.
Children's Church is available. Please stay for refreshment after the service to meet with us.*

Services for Sunday 14th January 2018

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW
10.30 am St Johns HC, CW
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW

Readings: Samuel 3.1-10, John 1.43-51

Communion on Wednesday 17th January

10.00 am St Mary's Chapel HC, BCP

Services for Sunday 21st January 2018

8.00 am St Nicholas HC, BCP
9.00 am St Stephens HC, CW
10.30 am St Johns – Family Communion CW
10.30 am St Nicholas HC, CW

Readings: Genesis 14.17-20, John 2.1-11

Communion on Wednesday 24th January

10.00 am St Stephen's Church HC, BCP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 17th January – Funeral at St Nicholas Church for Betty Jennings – 2 pm followed by committal at Godstone Burial Ground – 2.30 pm.**
- **Friday 26th January – Film Night at St Stephens Church - Children's Film – 'Cars 3' – 5.30 pm Adult's Film - 'Dunkirk' – 8 pm.**
- **Saturday 27th January – Village Coffee Morning at St Stephens – 10 am – 12.30 pm**

NOTICES

CAFÉ CONNECT – an excellent fundraising morning was held last Saturday for the charity **DEMENTIA FIRST**. We raised **£550.33**. Many, many thanks to everyone who supports our monthly coffee mornings.

FUNDRAISING – After an excellent December we have now raised more than **£650** from Easyfundraising for our three churches. Some things only raise a few pennies, but these pennies are adding up! Please consider using one of these links for any internet shopping you do. So far we have raised **£283** for St Nicholas, **£155** for St Johns and **£213** for St Stephens.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicholaschurchgodstone/>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ststephenssouthgodstone/>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnsblindleyheath/>

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Revd Peter O'Connell (contact details above)

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St Nicholas Church, Godstone

Readings for Sunday 14th January 2018

COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1 SAMUEL 3.1-10

After many years of childlessness, Hannah has been given a son. In return, she has brought Samuel to the temple at Shiloh, saying, “For this child I prayed: and the Lord granted me the petition I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord”. Samuel has entered the service of Eli, the priest.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ and ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the world of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak for your servant is listening.’

JOHN 1.43-51

On the previous day, Andrew and Peter, both disciples of John the Baptist, have become Jesus’ disciples. Jesus has invited them to “Come and see”, to come and believe in him. Now we hear how Nathaniel, a religious Jew, comes to believe in Christ.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’

Nathaniel said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathaniel coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathaniel asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

POST COMMUNION

God of Glory, you nourish us with your Word, who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER LIST

St Nicholas – Caroline Pope, Archie Butler, Christian Schumacher, Daphne Hughes. **St Stephens** - Mona Watkins, Claire McFetridge, Elaine Childs, Ron Harradine, David Snell, Jennifer & Gerry Marks, Barry Slade Joy McGuinness, Daphne Hodge **St Johns** – Hugh Hunter, Julie & Jo Charlton, Daphne & Peter Reed, Janice Reed, **The Benefice link with Rutendo in Zimbabwe.**

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS, THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Betty Jennings,

Caroline Webster

